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My own darling wifie:-

Thank you, sweetheart, for the nice big letter I just received. I simply become elated when I receive such wonderful letters and as I said before, letters like that instil such a pride in me that I have such a wifie, so clever, lovely and sweet, that I forget for the moment that I am lonesome, but after a while, it passes way, and then I realize once more that the one dearest and nearest to my heart is over 1400 miles away, and then, sweetheart, I certainly do become depressed. Tots, I'll never feel any different until you are with me and then ——— Oh, Tootsie, will the time ever come? Yes, precious, I want you here by April but, honey, if my income isn't $100.00 a month at least I can see the possibility of calling for you then, but believe me, I can assure you, I'll try to have you here by that time. If not, then it will be as you said, you will be preparing to come anyway.

Tootsie all you have to do, is to get clothes, if you want settle the debt, but as for your fare and other incidentals, that's my lookout, for I won't call for you ~~until~~ unless I send the fare to you. I certainly am happy to think that you are getting along so splendidly at the dispensary. After all, it is a good position, but, dear heart, there is a better one awaiting you, and that is with me. What say you, sweet one? As for your pretties, I am glad you are saving them until you come here for I fully appreciate the sentiment attached to them and I fully realize their sacredness. I certainly do wish that you could wear them now! Well, Tootsie, there is no use worrying about it, for I am sure the time will soon be here and I will have a nice comfy little home and the purest, sweetest and dearest little wifie awaiting me after my day's work is done.

Thank you, Tots, for the news, and certainly am happy to feel that someone thinks well of me and you can assume the fact that the emotions displayed by them towards me is reciprocated as I can assure you our feelings towards each other is mutual. As for H. J. I would be afraid to trust him with a case no matter how small or insignificant, for I cannot forget his statement that he was afraid to handle a case involving a man's life or liberty. If he knows his work, he wouldn't be afraid, that's the way I look at it, don't you? I do wish though I had his money. I don't have to tell you what I would do with it, do I? Before I forget, the Fishers could have named their youngster "Victor", which is a Jewish name. Well, the kid is named, so he has my best wishes for all the luck in the world.

I was surprised to read about what Rose said of Rob. Rob is a good boy and I sure would like to have him in the family before Ben leaves, any time. I believe I wrote you that I communicated with the latter named gentleman, but I got the letter back as "unknown at the address". I don't know what became of him. He must have been discharged, I reckon. I hope ~~so~~ Rose will soon find a good boy, for she certainly is deserving of good fortune. She is a wonderful kid.

To-day I collected $6.00. (2) I had that man I wrote to you about in-
dicted to-day and you ought to see my client! He was tickled pinky. He is so set
upon getting even with this fellow that he doesn't care what it cost him. Of
course, I'm happy over it, because I pleased him. He assures me time and
again, that I am his lawyer for all time, because of the way I handled
this matter. While in court, a number of the lawyers greeted me and all
expressed their pleasure of seeing me once more among them. As a matter of
fact, I didn't know I had so many friends. My client told me he has a friend
who is in trouble and will send him up to see me. Hope he comes as I know there
will be some money in it. Then my uncle called me up, but I happened to be
at the court-house attending to this indictment, and when I saw him, he
advised me that a certain Negro want a divorce and is going to send him
up to see me, but as yet I haven't seen the nigger. It seems I'm having
kind of hard luck with divorces, but I believe it will soon pass and the cases
will turn up. I certainly feel happy when I think of all the assistance my
uncle is giving me; and Joe Solomon, too. I didn't get the carpet & chairs yet,
Solomon told me he would attend to it sometime to-day or to-morrow.

I go out every evening and pick up new acquaintances for
I feel ~~that~~ out of more than one I'll make some money and have them as
my clients. Did you know, every one that goes to my uncle's store, goes around
with my card in their pocket? Every one that goes in, man or woman, white
or black, gets a card from uncle and I begin to hear my name spoken
by a great many people I don't know, so you see my practice is bound to grow.
Of course, it takes time, but I'm pretty sure the money will start coming in
shortly and my practice will be large enough for you to come down. You
know, Sootsie, besides you & mother, I also want to support another
little Freedman. One that will be a credit to you and live up to name
of my forefather. Lovie, won't we be happy, eh? I know you will, for you
do so want one, and you know how I feel about it. Oh, for the time to
only come. When I go to bed, it takes me an hour to fall asleep. I
begin thinking of you, of the pretty little home I want to fix up
and all things that will make you happy, so much that often times
I have to take a smoke before I calm down.

I had your picture framed and have it on my desk.
Yesterday Mr. Lazoon & another man comes in and after I was introduced
Lazoon says to the other man "Here is his wife" and then, starting
in to tease me, said I was too much in love to be any good, to which
this other fellow answered "If my wife was as pretty and sweet-
looking, I'd do the same. I can't blame Freedman one bit for feeling
that way toward the Mrs." Nearly everyone that sees your picture
passes the same kind of a remark. It's not lying, either, Sootsie.

My uncle last night said he would love to see you
here by Easter, but I told him I won't send for you until I am
able to properly provide you. Every night we have the same argument.
Always asks after you, how you are getting on, what you are doing,
and anything he can think of, so long it's about you, so you see

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how much he thinks of you.

Honey, I wish you would do me a favor. I get only one or 2 letters a week from mamdear, and even in those letters I am not told how everything is at home. I wish you would tell mamdear that I want a letter full of news, to let me know how Fritz is feeling, etc. I am greatly worried over them, so please don't forget. While I'm about it, have you heard from Harding yet?

I haven't as yet called upon the Gold's and I won't until Dr. Gold returns. I expect he's back by now so may be I will go & see him to-morrow night or Sunday. The only reason, as a matter of fact, the main reason I will call on them is to gain a circle of friends to whom I can introduce you to, so that you won't be so lonesome. Dr. & Mrs. Bryan are also very anxious to see & always ask when you will be here. The Dr. himself advised me to wait until my income is $100.00 a month, then changed his mind & said "How can I advise you?" He sure is keeping me a great deal and I certainly have a lot to thank him for.

Yesterday I had an evil headache. I don't think I ever suffered so much with a headache. I went home, immediately applied the mentholated salve, took 2 cascara pills & an aspirin tablet and this morning, when I got up, I felt as fine as a fiddle. I am beginning to realize the value of that little medicine kit. It's the best thing a fellow can have. You might want to know how I got that headache. To tell you the truth, I don't know, for it came on so suddenly, that it surprised me. I hope I don't get any more like it.

Honey, I can't forget what you wrote about the shortness of my letter which was in answer to your big one. Take this letter, for instance, you can easily see that I write small and the lines are nearer together than in your letters. You little fascin, you, I know what you want. Some day, I'll get _____ size and write a book full, eh? You little precious sweetheart of mine, I'll do anything for you.

The most important thing I left out! Your foot is worrying me. Darling, do take care of it. Wear the support as long as is necessary, don't forget as I believe it's the best thing for you, especially when you say ~~its~~ your foot is much better now than it was. And as to your general health, take good care, for I hold you "absolutely possolutely" responsible. Can't fool me, "Kiddo".

Well, honey, I'll conclude now, and I hope you don't feel dis-

appointed over this letter. If more would happen that I could write about, I'd do so, but before that happens, I want you here so that I could tell you verbally, of what I am doing, how I'm working out, how I love you, adore you and yearn for you, so will close now, precious darling mine, with all my love to you, my own sweetheart, and with lots, kisses & thoughts,

Ever lovingly & longingly your own

Hubby